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MAIL STOP PATENT APPLICATION

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Re: Application of Yoshihito KATO and Masaharu SHIRASAWA
LOCKING DEVICE, LOCKER, KEY AND LOCKING METHOD
Assignee: KONAMI CORPORATION
Our Ref: Q79812

Dear Sir:

This is a request for a Divisional Application of pending prior Application No. 10/286,770 (Confirmation No.4148) filed November 4, 2002 of Yoshihito KATO and Masaharu SHIRASAWA entitled LOCKING DEVICE, LOCKER, KEY AND LOCKING METHOD.

This application is being filed under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(b). Enclosed is a specification, including the claims and abstract, eleven (11) sheets of drawings, a copy of the Declaration and Assignment as filed in the prior application and a Preliminary Amendment.

The prior application is assigned to Group Art Unit 3676.

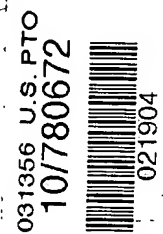
Amend the specification by inserting before the first line the sentence:

This is a divisional of Application No. 10/286,770 filed November 4, 2002; the disclosure of which is incorporated herein by reference.

Priority is claimed from:

<u>Country</u>	<u>Application No</u>	<u>Filing Date</u>
Japan	2001-341188	November 6, 2001

The priority document was filed in parent Application No. 10/286,770.



The Government filing fee is calculated as follows:

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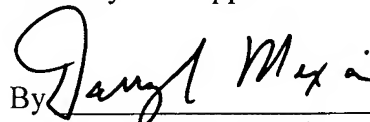
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A check for the statutory fee of \$770.00 is attached. The USPTO is directed and authorized to charge all required fees, except for the Issue Fee and the Publication Fee, to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. Please also credit any overpayments to said Deposit Account. A duplicate copy of this transmittal letter is attached.

The application is timely filed.

Respectfully submitted,

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